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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of)	
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Donald J. Zack, <i>et al.</i>)	Examiner: Wang, Chang Yu
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Serial No. 10/617,888)	Group Art Unit: 1649
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Filed: July 14, 2003)	Atty. Dkt. No. 001107.00369
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For: NEURONAL AND OPTIC NERVE GENE)	
EXPRESSION PATTERNS)	

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 1, 2005, Applicants elect for prosecution in this application Group II drawn to a method of preventing neuronal cell death in a mammal. This Group encompasses claims 10 and 12-19.

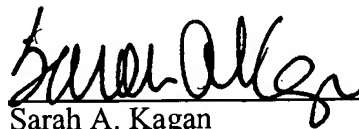
Applicants further elect NM androgen binding protein delivered in a nucleic acid.
Applicants further elect retinal cell degeneration as a species.

A petition for a three-month extension of time accompanies this paper. No additional fee is believed due in connection with this response. However, should the Patent and Trademark Office determine that a fee is required, please charge our Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

Respectfully submitted,

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